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MEDIA ALERT

Longleaf Film Festival is bringing the viewing event to you

Experience the Longleaf Film Festival digitally at home!



WHAT: BYOP (Bring Your Own Popcorn)! Special #AloneTogether Viewing event, hosted by Longleaf Film Festival

WHEN: Starting Friday, May 8, 2020 at 4 p.m. through Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 11 p.m.

WHERE: Online at https://longleaffilmfestival.com/special-event-2020-alone-together-virtual-viewing-party/

DETAILS:

In response to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and travel restrictions and the museum's current closure, the Longleaf Film Festival has decided to project the festival to your personal screens!

With the cooperation of involved filmmakers, you will have the opportunity to see some of Longleaf's award-winning and Official Selection films on the festival's original dates, Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9. Watch the special event page at LongleafFilmFestival.com or follow them on social media—Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter—so you'll know when the list is unveiled. And, please share your appreciation with the filmmakers by commenting on Longleaf's #AloneTogether event page on Facebook. Join us when you can, and BYOP (Bring Your Own Popcorn)!

Throughout the COVID-19 shutdown at the NC Museum of History, Longleaf Film Festival has worked to connect with film fans and film supporters through a series of online, live-stream events. We first announced <u>Official Selections</u>, and recently announced winners of our 2020 awards and prizes.

Please remember as you make your viewing plans: as usual, these are not all family friendly films; most would be rated PG-13 or R.

All resources available are free.

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access <u>nemuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow the museum on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>YouTube</u>.

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free**. Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at <u>affiliations.si.edu</u>.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.